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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21 - 61 are pending in this application.

Claims 26, 28, 30, 38, 40, 42, 49, 57, and 60 have been amended.

Claims 27, 39, 56, and 62 - 75 have been canceled.

Claims 76 and 77 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Independent claims 26 and 38 were amended to incorporate the subject recited respectively in dependent claims 27 and 39, and to correct grammatical informalities. Claims 27 and 39 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 56 depended from claim 27 and thus has been canceled.

Dependent claims 28 and 40 were amended to more clearly recite an aspect of the present invention in which the first and second layers of molybdenum can comprise an alloy comprising essentially of molybdenum.

Dependent claims 30, 49, 57, and 60 were amended to correct minor informalities.

Independent claims 76 and 77 have bee appended. These claims are based respectively on claim 26 and 38, and recite the subject matter of claims 28 and 40, respectively.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400, extension 5252.

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